



Ninth District Office

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Legislative Update

On Monday, April 26th at 4:00 pm I chaired a joint committee meeting between Government Accountability & Oversight and the Budget Committee. Our purpose for meeting was to hear from State Auditor, Crit Luallen regarding their unqualified opinion of the 2009 Audit of Metro Government. Auditor Luallen and her staff spent two hours responding to insightful questions and concerns from seventeen Metro Council Members. What we learned was the heart of the opinion included an understanding and proper training for utilizing accounting principles and practices therefore as a result the State Auditor could not verify the financial statements certainty. In particular the opinions focused on Metro Corrections, Metro Animal Services and Housing. While the Auditors report included many findings, Auditor Luallen did point out that as a result of a previous audit the Housing Department had made many strides. And as a result of the administration's response to the audit she believed Metro Government is headed in a better direction. I will be chairing another joint meeting on Wednesday, May 12th at 4:00 pm at the Chambers in City Hall. Our presenters at that meeting will be administration officials who will offer their responses to the 2009 Audit. That is a public meeting and will be televised on MetroTV, Insight Channel 25.

Girl Scouts Forever Green E-Waste Recycling Day!

On Saturday, May 15th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana (GSK) will join forces with Global Environmental Services (GES) to address the issue of recycling electronic waste (e-waste). Bring e-waste from your home or business to recycle responsibly, including: inkjet cartridges, radios, DVD players, laser toner, cartridges, fax machines, VCR players, cell phones, hard drives, TV's, computers, modems, monitors, keyboards, printers, copiers and more. We cannot accept household appliances. A good rule thumb is if you can put water in it, it will not be accepted, such as refrigerators, irons, bread makers, etc. *There is a \$5 charge on the recycling of TV's and monitors with glass front (not flat screens). This charge is for the cost of discharging a noxious gas contained in these items.* For more information contact jcourt@kyanags.org or (502)636-0900.

Rules for Motorists Concerning Bicycles

As a follow-up article regarding bicyclist and pedestrian safety I wanted to share some motorist rules for safety with bicyclists. Please be safe and courteous to one another this summer! Since motor vehicles and bicycles are both considered "vehicles" under the eyes law, there are rules which apply to motorists as well as to bicyclists regarding their behavior on the road.

Motorists MUST:

- Share the road with bicyclists.
- Before passing a cyclist:
 - Look to see if there is something in the right lane (debris, parked cars, drainage grates, etc.) that might cause the cyclist to divert their course to the left.

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- Pass only when you can allow at least three feet between yourself (as measured from the extent of your rear-view mirrors) and the cyclist.
- Return to your lane only when completely clear of the cyclist.
- If you turn right after passing a cyclist, only do so if you leave enough room that his forward path is not obstructed.
- When opening your car door, look for cyclists in your rear-view mirror.

CASH \$\$ In for Appliance Rebates

Kentucky's rebate program for appliances began on April 22nd. Residents of Kentucky can receive rebates up to \$400 of the purchase price depending on the type of appliance and energy efficiency rating. The rebates apply to 16 types of appliances which include: washing machines, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners, electric pump water heaters, hi-efficiency gas storage water heaters, hi-performance gas storage water heaters, gas tankless water heaters, solar water heaters, central air conditioners, air source heat pumps, geothermal heat pumps, gas furnaces and gas boilers. "If just one household purchased each of these appliances the impact would be the equivalent of taking 17 cars off the road for a year and planting 20 acres of forest." For more information visit, <http://www.energy.ky.gov/recovery/rebate/>.

Street Closures for Oaks and Derby

The Derby festivities are coming to a close this week! Friday, April 30th is the Oaks and on Saturday, May 1st is the Kentucky Derby. Please see attached street closures so you can get around this Friday and Saturday.

Ninth District Events!



Below are some Ninth District calendar events! To view a full listing of events please visit the **Ninth District Blog** at <http://district9news.wordpress.com/>.

If you would like to submit events to be considered for the blog calendar please email kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov or call 574-1109.

Friday, April 30: The 136th running of the Kentucky Oaks at 5:45 pm.

Friday, April 30: Historic Frankfort Avenue will host a Derby-themed F.A.T. Friday Trolley Hop from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. The F.A.T. Friday Trolley Hop, on the final Friday of each month, provides FREE parking and transportation to participating shops, restaurants and galleries along the Frankfort, Mellwood and Story Avenue corridor. Special activities happening during the F.A.T. Friday Derby Hop on April 30th are:

- **Kaviar Forge and Gallery**, 1718 Frankfort Avenue, will host a reading and book signing for author Edna Kubala celebrating the release of her debut publication, "Louisville's Butchertown".
- **Conez and Coneyz**, located at 2716 Frankfort Avenue, will host a fundraiser to raise money for the fireworks display at the Crescent Hill 4th of July Picnic. Guests will enjoy live music in the courtyard from BlueZenJazz from 6:00-8:00pm.
- **Elizabeth's Timeless Attire**, located at 2050 Frankfort Avenue, will host a "Derby Eve Gala" including wine, music and Derby fashions. **Margaret's Consignment**, located at 2700 Frankfort Avenue, will host live music and a Derby Hat contest with prizes for the best and most creative hats.
- **Crescent Hill Gallery**, located at 2033 Frankfort Avenue, will showcase the new paintings of Spike Frederick and host a reception with the artist.

- **Gallery M**, located in the Mellwood Art Center, will host a reception and gallery talk for *Susanna Crum and Lindsay Warren: And They're Off*, an exhibition including lithographs, a bed of roses installation, and an interactive pedal machine that reference the pageantry surrounding the Kentucky Derby.
- **Mariposa Place**, located at 2007 Frankfort Avenue, will host a dedication and artwork sale in honor of an artist participant who recently passed away.
- **The Mellwood Art Center**, located at 1860 Mellwood Avenue, will host the Kentucky Derby Festival Student Art Show and live music in the courtyard by Ashley Burchett.
- **Gallery Janjobe**, located in the Mellwood Art Center, will host the opening reception for *Gallery Janjobe Features Creatures*, an exhibit of art with an animal theme.
- **Pottery Rowe**, located at 2048 Frankfort Avenue, will have caricature artist Erin O'Mara doing live caricatures per request.
- **It's All Greek to Me**, located at 2716 Frankfort Avenue, will feature free belly dancing lessons and drawings to win free lunches!

Saturday, May 1: The 136th running of the Kentucky Derby at 6:24 pm.

Saturday, May 1: Clifton Heights Greenway trail clearing and building is set for the first and third Saturday of each month. May 1, 15, June 5, 19: 9am to Noon. Plan to meet at the trail head at Lindsay Ave. and N. Birchwood Ave. Gloves, tools, loppers supplied. Wear sturdy shoes and long sleeves/pants. Bring your own water to drink. Call Kevin Downs at 777-5113 for more information or kdd923@msn.com to get on their volunteer email list.

Sunday, May 2: Eastern Classic Auction presents an auction of high value collections from various sources including fine art, jewelry, fine furniture and handmade Persian Rugs at the Clifton Center, 2117 Payne Street from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Viewing of the items : 1 pm and the Auction starts at 2 pm. For more info call: 866-671-6600.

Wednesday, May 5: Dinner is on Clifton Christian Church and you and your family are invited! Come and enjoy a restaurant style meal and experience the culinary talents of the Clifton Christian Church members who love to cook. The first Wednesday of every month anytime between 6:30 – 8:00 pm at 131 Vernon Avenue. This month's theme is Mexican Fiesta Food for Cinco de Mayo. Questions please contact Kelly Faust at 751-0313.

Wednesday, May 5: Press Conference at 10:30 am at Heine Brothers Coffee, 2714 Frankfort Avenue. Please join us for some exciting sustainability announcements regarding the Green Triangle! Questions please contact 574-1109.

Thursday, May 6: Spring Music Recital at 1:00 pm at the Kentucky School for the Blind, Richie Auditorium, 1867 Frankfort Avenue. This event is FREE and open to the public. Under the direction of music instructors Sarah Hill, Connie Wilcox and Bobby Falk, KSB students will perform instrumental pieces that they have learned throughout the year. All of the students will end the recital with a special boomwhacker piece. For more information call 897-1583 ext. 223 or email paula.penrod@ksb.kyschools.us.